

adsorbent means positioned within a fluidized bed for removing at least a portion of H₂S from a natural gas stream; and means for providing the removed H₂S to the conversion means.--

--27. The apparatus of claim 26 wherein the adsorbent means includes a first adsorbent having a first predetermined temperature and second adsorbent having a second predetermined temperature.--

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--28. The apparatus of claim 27 wherein the first adsorbent and the second adsorbent are a molecular sieves.--

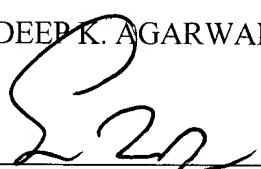
--29. The apparatus of claim 28 wherein the second predetermined temperature is greater than the first predetermined temperature.--

~~--30.~~ A method for converting H₂S to elemental sulfur and hydrogen, the method comprising: providing a nonthermal plasma corona reactor; introducing the H₂S into the nonthermal plasma corona reactor; and converting the H₂S to elemental sulfur and hydrogen at a predetermined temperature.--

--31. The method of claim 30 wherein the predetermined temperature is less than approximately four hundred (400°) degrees C.--

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